

COUNCIL ACTION FORM**PRESENTATION ITEM No. 2****MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2013****STAFF CONTACT: CHRIS MORROW, MAYOR**

Agenda Item: Join with the Mayor in proclaiming the City of Gardner, Kansas, as a Welcoming Community

Department: Mayor

Background/Description of Item:

Welcoming America is a national organization with state affiliates, including the State of Kansas. The Welcoming America initiative aims to build cooperation, respect and compassion among all in our community, immigrants and non-immigrants alike. The proclamation recognizes Gardner, Kansas as a hospitable and welcoming place.

Staff Recommendation:

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Welcoming America is a national organization with state affiliates; including one in the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Gardner, Kansas is a Welcoming City that respects the innate dignity of all people and is proud to partner with the Welcoming America and its affiliates; and

WHEREAS, the Welcoming America initiative aims to build cooperation, respect and compassion among all in our community, immigrants and non-immigrants alike; and

WHEREAS, Gardner, Kansas has long been recognized as a hospitable and Welcoming place, where people, families, and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Gardner, Kansas live up to the highest American values of acceptance and equality and treat newcomers with decency and respect, creating a vibrant community for all to live in; and

WHEREAS, Gardner, Kansas is committed to continue building a neighborly and welcoming atmosphere in our community, where all are welcome, accepted and appreciated.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Chris Morrow, Mayor of the City of Gardner, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the City of Gardner, Kansas, as a

WELCOMING COMMUNITY

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gardner, Kansas to be affixed this 18th day of November, 2013.

CITY OF GARDNER, KANSAS

Mayor

(SEAL)

Attest:

City Clerk